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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Zandra V. Smith

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 25-35 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17, 22, 24 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-21, 23, 37 and 38 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 11.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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### DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed November 29, 2002 has been entered.

#### *Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 17, 22, 24, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by

*Toth et al. (GB 2,329,019 A), cited by applicant.*

As to **claims 17 and 36**, Toth discloses a pulley alignment gauge, comprising:

a main part (20, pg. 4, line 3), a light source (pg. 4, lines 20-30) and a plurality of contact points (24a and 24b, pg. 4, lines 20-22), the contact points being connected to the main part and disposed to attach the main part to the first plane and the light source connected to the main part a positioned to emit light with a scattering angle as claimed.

As to **claim 22**, Toth discloses a pulley alignment gauge, comprising:

a main part (20, pg. 4, line 3), a light source (pg. 4, lines 20-30) and a plurality of contact points (24a and 24b, pg. 4, lines 20-22), the contact points being connected to the main part and disposed to attach the main part to the first plane and the light source connected to the main part a positioned to emit light with a scattering angle as claimed, and

grooves are used to indicate the position and misalignment (pg. 4, lines 20-25).

As to **claim 24**, Toth discloses everything claimed, as applied above, in addition figures 1 and 3 provide a plurality of grooves.

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 18-21, 23, and 37-38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 25-35 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious displaceable contact points, rotatable arm, or adjusting the second plane, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claims.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 17-38 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Fax/Telephone Information***

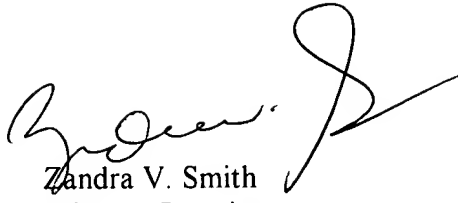
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